

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 6, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 175, 1/31/2017; HB 196, 1/31/2017; HB 205, 1/31/2017

00:01:30 Chair Ballance

**HEARING ON HB 175**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:08 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 175, Revise laws related to medical savings accounts.

00:07:06 Rep. Hamlett joined the meeting

00:10:44 Rep. Ellis joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:29 Rep. Woods

00:12:10 Rep. Hamilton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:13:05 Rep. Hamilton

**HEARING ON HB 196**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:29 Rep. Becky Beard (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 196, Institute vehicle registration fee for volunteer EMS.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(aph26a01\)\*\*](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:26 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:19:37 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:23:55 Rep. Beard

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:02 Rep. Beard

**HEARING ON HB 205**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:25 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 205, Revise tax laws related to vehicles.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:33 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:29:49 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:32:03 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

00:33:52 Mona Jamison, General Motors

**Informational Testimony:**

00:35:34 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (MDT)

00:36:14 Chair Ballance

**[EXHIBIT\(aph26a02\)](#)**

00:36:25 Sam Shaffer, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:11 Rep. Woods

00:42:20 Rep. Redfield

00:42:41 Rep. Woods

00:44:05 Harold Blattie, MACo

00:44:26 Rep. Keane

00:44:52 Rep. Redfield

00:45:02 Vice Chair McCarthy

00:45:25 Rep. Redfield

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:35 Rep. Redfield

00:46:47 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:47:12

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph26aad.pdf](#))**